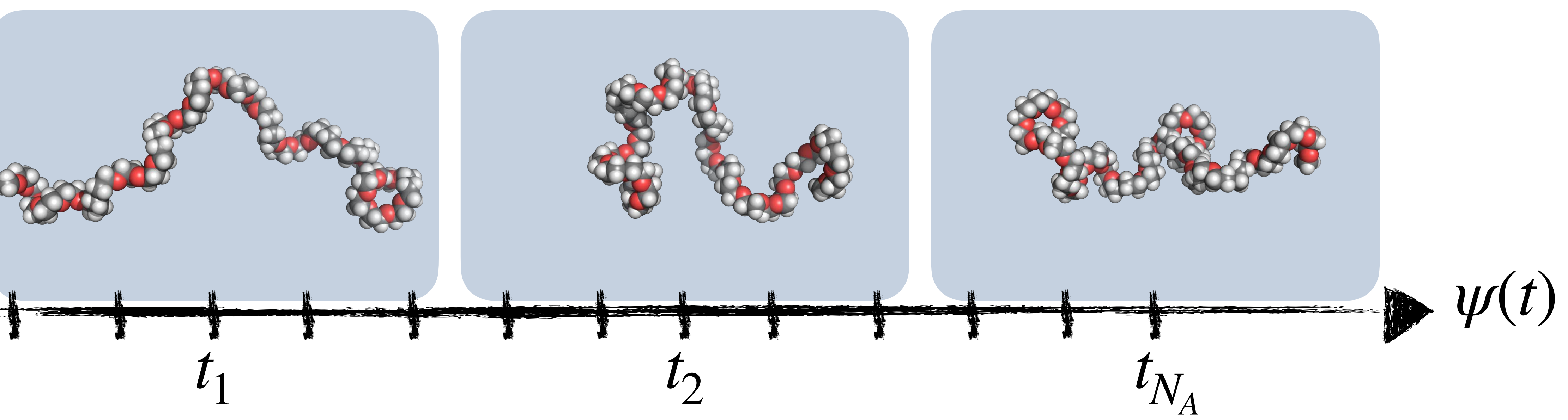
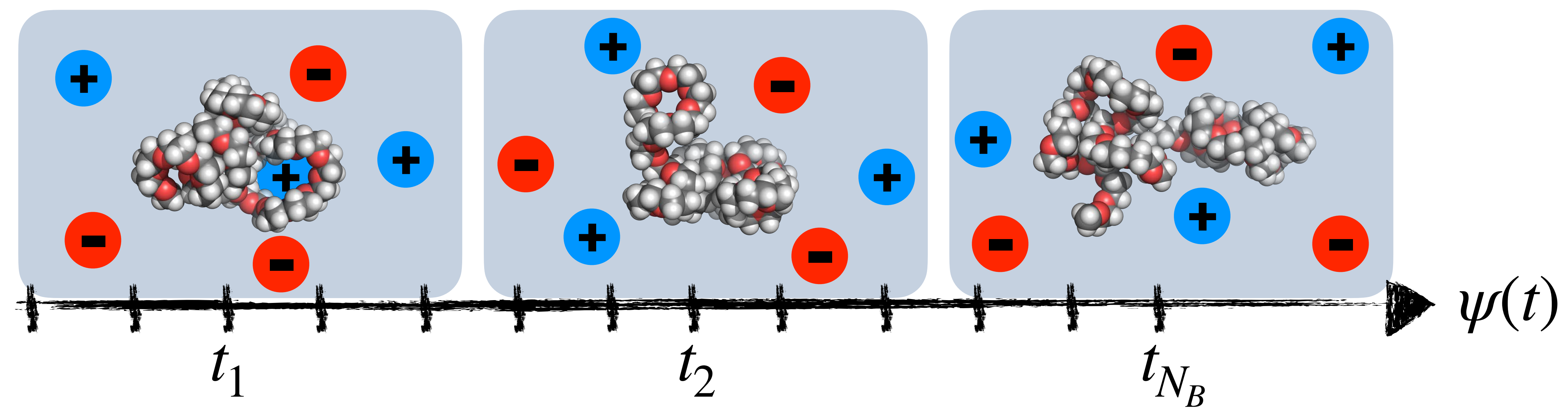


# **Step 1:** Generation of ensembles of solute structures $\psi$

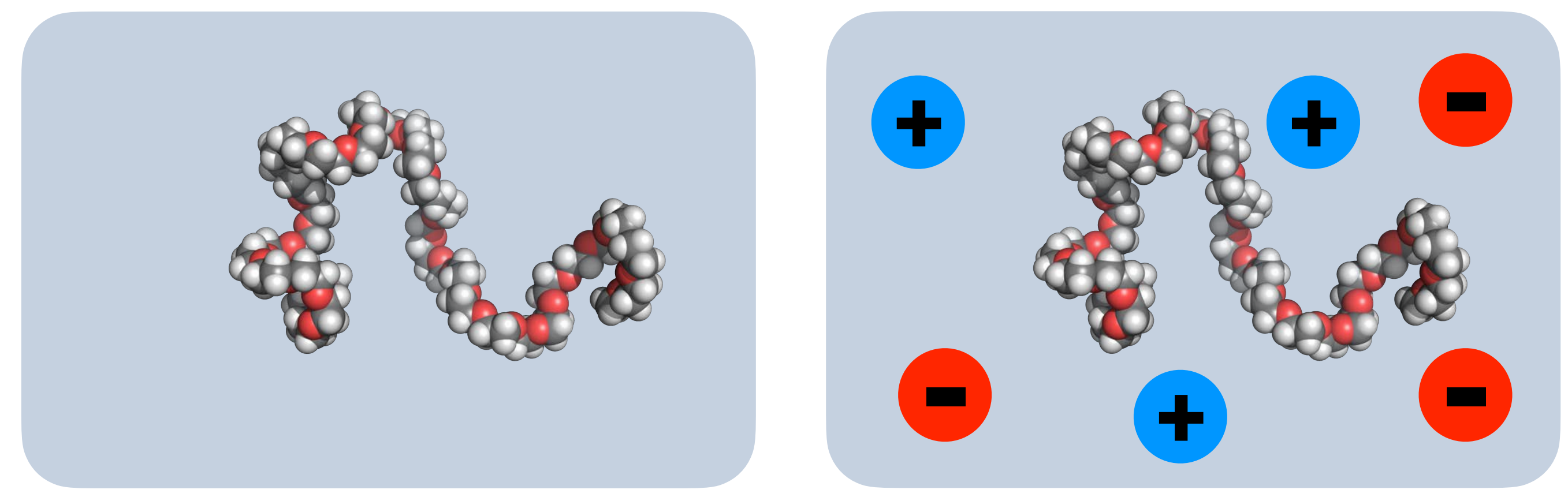
Generation of  $P_A(\psi)$



Generation of  $P_B(\psi)$

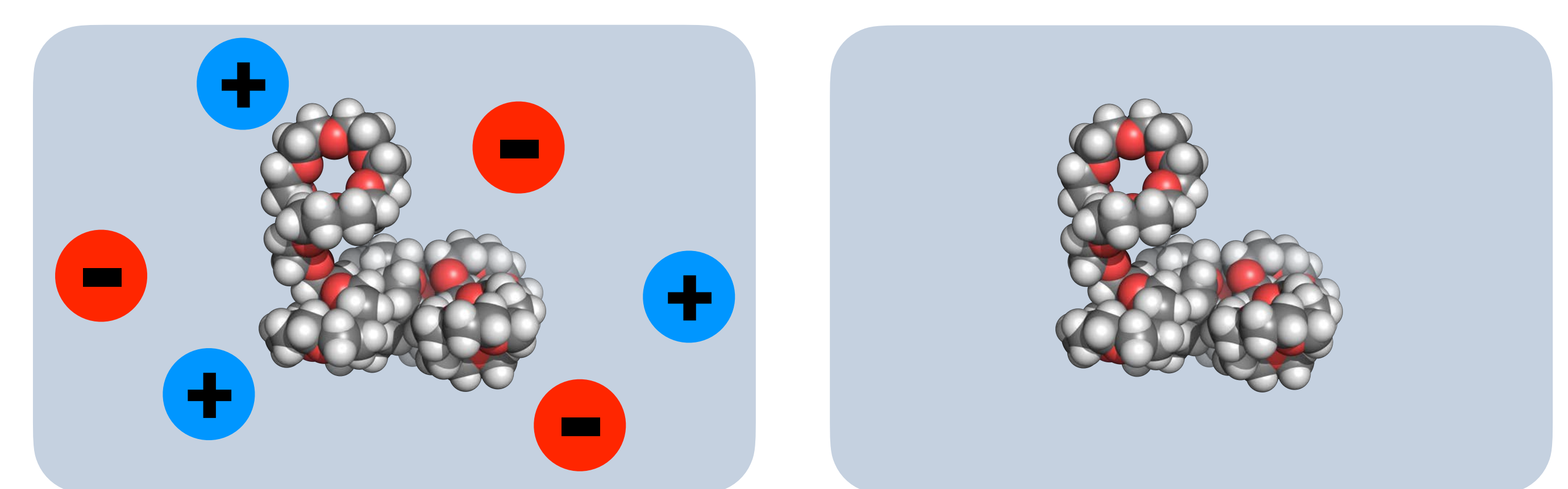


## **Step 2:** Generation of solvent configurations in presence of rigid solute



$$\nu_A^{\text{solv}}(\psi) \quad \nu_B^{\text{solv}}(\psi)$$

$$\Delta \nu^{\text{solv}}(\psi) = \nu_B^{\text{solv}}(\psi) - \nu_A^{\text{solv}}(\psi)$$



$$\nu_B^{\text{solv}}(\psi) \quad \nu_A^{\text{solv}}(\psi)$$

$$\Delta \nu^{\text{solv}}(\psi) = \nu_B^{\text{solv}}(\psi) - \nu_A^{\text{solv}}(\psi)$$

## **Step 3:** Calculations of $\Delta \mu^{\text{ex}}$ and its upper and lower bounds

$$\sum_{\psi \in A} \mathcal{F} \left( \Delta \nu^{\text{solv}}(\psi) - \Delta \mu^{\text{ex}} \right) = \sum_{\psi \in B} \mathcal{F} \left( -\Delta \nu^{\text{solv}}(\psi) + \Delta \mu^{\text{ex}} \right)$$

$$\Delta \mu_{\text{upper}}^{\text{ex}} = \frac{1}{N_A} \sum_{\psi_i \in A, i=1}^{N_A} \Delta \nu^{\text{solv}}(\psi_i)$$

$$\Delta \mu_{\text{lower}}^{\text{ex}} = \frac{1}{N_B} \sum_{\psi_i \in B, i=1}^{N_B} \Delta \nu^{\text{solv}}(\psi_i)$$